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"Sink's Secrets" will Sink Florida Economy

~Alex Sink should understand card check *IS* a state issue and a threat to Florida's economic recovery~

TALLAHASSEE, FL- Despite her refusal to admit the facts regarding the threat of Big Labor's card check legislation to Florida's small businesses, Florida Chief Financial Officer Alex Sink certainly must be aware that card check legislation for union employees has already been passed at the state level in New York, Massachusetts and Hawaii, and has been vetoed three times by California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

"Florida workers should continue to have the right to decide workplace elections by secret ballot. Enacting card check would be a job killer for Florida's economy," said Majority Leader Adam Hasner (R-Delray Beach).

"Job one for state leaders is creating jobs for Floridians and getting our economy moving again. Florida is a Right to Work state and Floridians deserve to know where Alex Sink is on Senator Richter's and my efforts to preserve the right to a secret ballot in workplace elections. Is she willing to join us and take the side of protecting the rights of workers, protecting small businesses and protecting jobs? This is too important a state issue for Alex Sink's position on secret ballots to remain a secret," concluded Hasner.

Although CFO Sink attempts to deflect the issue, card check is not just a federal issue being championed by Democrats and their union allies in Congress. Card check is an issue about jobs right here in Florida. With our state's economy struggling to rebound, the last thing Florida needs to adopt is Detroit's failing economic model and 29% unemployment.

Majority Leader Adam Hasner opposes the federal Employee Free Choice Act and efforts to enact card check legislation. In the 2009 Legislative Session, Hasner and Senator Garrett Richter (R-Naples) sponsored a constitutional amendment to Florida's constitution guaranteeing workers the right to a secret ballot.